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Nimeiri arrives in Damascus

DAMASCUS, Syria, May 5 (AP). — President Jaafar Nimeiri of Sudan arrived in Damascus from Cairo today in a mediation attempt to heal an Arab world rift over Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's unilateral peace initiative with Israel. Spokesmen for Syrian President Hafez Assad, the main opponent of Sadat's initiative, said a reconciliation would be possible only when Sadat publicly renounces his solo Middle East peace overtures. Even before Nimeiri began his talks with Assad, Syria's Information Minister Ahmed Iskandar described the Sudanese president's fence-mending mission as "doomed to failure. The road between Cairo and Tel Aviv must be closed before Cairo's routes to the rest of the Arab World could be reopened," Iskandar said in an interview published by the Beirut independent magazine Al Thour.

Price: Jordan 50 fils; Syria 50 piastres; Lebanon 75 piastres; Saudi Arabia 1 riyal; UAE 1 dirham; Great Britain 25 pence.

India starts gold sales

NEW DELHI, May 5 (R). — The Reserve Bank of India today announced the results of the first of its anti-inflation gold auctions. Nearly half a tonne of gold — far less than expected — was sold at well above world market prices, but for much less than the metal usually fetches in India. The bank said that in the first auction from India's official gold holdings it had sold 492,000 grams (15,837 troy ounces) at prices ranging between 620 and 683 rupees (\$73-78) per 10 grams. These prices are roughly the equivalent to between \$227 and \$242 an ounce, compared with the prevailing world market price of around \$170.

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Israel bans West Bank mayors parlaying

AVIV, May 5 (Agencies). — The Military Government in Occupied West Bank has forbidden the Arab mayors to parlay to discuss politics, Israeli television reported today. The military government summoned the mayors recently to tell them they could not hold political gatherings, but could meet socially.

Bad behaviour

Mayor of Nablus in the occupied West Bank, Bassam Shak'ah, today accused Israeli soldiers of improper behaviour during a week-long curfew imposed on his town at week during a search for guerrillas who killed the West German tourists.

A letter to Defence Minister Moshe Weizman, Mr. Al Shak'ah said: "Residents of Nablus were surprised by the bad behaviour of soldiers during the curfew period." He criticised the conduct of the soldiers during body searches of residents detained for investigation. The curfew was lifted earlier in the week although the intensive search failed to discover anyone who hurried a grenade to the tourist bus.

Bethlehem governor rapped

AVIV, May 5 (AP). — Senior officers in the occupied West Bank were reprimanded by a military court for violently suppressing Palestinian demonstrations, an army said. The military governor of Bethlehem, Lt-Col. Nathan Rom, was given an administrative reprimand by the Central Command, and his deputy, Maj. Nissim Cohen, was reprimanded by a disciplinary court, army spokesmen said. They were accused of ordering troops to throw tear gas at a schoolroom in Beit Jala, north of Bethlehem on March 16.

The West Bank Military Governor, Brig. David Haguel, was moved from office earlier in the week as a result of the incident.

Venezuelan minister says public accept increased energy prices

JF, Saudi Arabia, May 4 (P). — Ministers from 13 nations that together control half the world's oil production met in this cool mountain resort Saturday to discuss oil and long-term pricing policies, but are not likely to reach any immediate decisions on changing these prices, a top official said today. The ministers, representing members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), will meet formally without an agenda, according to Valentin Hernandez Acosta, the minister from Venezuela and President of OPEC.

He is supported in this by Prince Abdul Aziz Al Turki, deputy Saudi oil minister. The two officials met with reporters in the luxury international hotel and convention center 600 meters above the sea. Hernandez said that although there was agreement among OPEC members that long-term pricing policies must be set up, there was still disagreement about the details, especially the timing of a plan. He also said that there was "acceptance" on the part of a consuming public that pri-

Aldo Moro being killed announce Red Brigades in Communique No. 9

ROME, May 5 (R). — The Red Brigades said today that they were carrying out their threat to kill former Premier Aldo Moro but they did not say they had done so. "We conclude the battle begun on March 16 by carrying out the sentence to which Aldo Moro has been condemned," a statement picked up by newspapers in Milan, Rome, Genoa and Turin said. "The battle started on March 16 with the capture of Aldo Moro has reached its conclusion," the statement said.

Two more executives shot

ROME, May 5 (AP). — Terrorists shot two more Italian industrial executives with bullets in the legs Thursday night while investigators quizzed aides of Aldo Moro to try to learn if the political leader's family is communicating secretly with his kidnappers.

Umberto Degli Innocenti, 51, an engineer for a Milan communications equipment firm, was shot on the steps of his home, Alfredo Lamberti, 37, a labor relations officer for a Genoa steel firm, was attacked as he walked near the Genoa railway station. They were the third and fourth men shot in the legs within nine days. The Red Brigades announced it was responsible for all four attacks.

The communique was the ninth in a series from the far-left extremists who kidnapped Mr. Moro on a Rome street on March 16. It appeared to reporters who have handled previous statements to be authentic.

The statement was released shortly after the government's inter-ministerial security committee reaffirmed Italy's hard line of rejecting the Red Brigades' demand for the release of 13 detained extremists in return of Mr. Moro. The committee also rejected a socialist proposal for humanitarian gestures towards detained leftists aimed at persuading the extremist guerrillas to release the 61-year-old president of the ruling Christian Democratic Party. Commenting on their prisoner exchange demand, the Red Brigades said "we must record the clear refusal of the Christian Democratic Party, the government and the accomplices who support it and their declared unwillingness to be anything other than they have been so far."

They had been "obscene, ferocious assassins in the service of the imperialist bourgeoisie."

ces would go up. "You realize now that energy prices must go up," in part to spur development of alternatives to oil such as nuclear and solar energy. He said that there was recognition among OPEC members that, despite a decline in real terms of oil prices over the past 18 months, due to inflation and a drop in the purchasing power of the dollar, it was possibly not opportune at this moment to raise prices, either directly or through a change in methods of calculating them. The Venezuelan said that he personally was in favour of raising prices directly, rather than moving away from the dollar either as a means of calculation or as a means of actual payment.

Keep dollars

Hernandez emphasised several times that he was opposed to changing the means of payment to anything but dollars. OPEC oil prices are currently set unilaterally in dollars. The base price is \$12.70 per 42-gallon barrel for what is known as Ras Tanura light, a Saudi variety. Other prices are "adjusted" to reflect differing qualities.

the guerrillas charged. The Red Brigades said their campaign against the state would continue and had not been undermined by help recently given to the government by foreign experts. "No German, English or American specialist... has succeeded in the least in holding back the growing offensive of the fighting communist forces," they declared. The guerrillas also announced that they would publish the results of the interrogations of Aldo Moro and information in our possession, together with a political-military report on the battle which is concluded here.

Arafat, UNIFIL boss fail to agree on ways of stopping fresh clashes

BEIRUT, May 5 (R). — Palestinian commander leader Yasser Arafat and the commander of U.N. peace troops in Lebanon ended more than two hours of tough talk today without agreement on how to prevent fresh clashes in the war-shattered south, reliable sources said.

The talks between Mr. Arafat and Maj. Gen. Emmanuelle Erskine, the Ghanaian commander of the United Nations Truce Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), were called after three UN soldiers died in fierce fighting with leftist guerrillas last Tuesday. Mr. Arafat believes that UNIFIL should concern itself only with supervising the pull out of the Israeli invading troops while Gen. Erskine considers that UNIFIL must also prevent the movement of armed men across the lines in southern Lebanon.

Dilemma

Gen. Erskine told reporters after the meeting that the talks had covered armed infiltration.

French planes strafe attacking polisario column in Mauretania

PARIS, May 5 (R). — French Jaguar strike planes killed dozens of Polisario guerrillas in a low-level attack with cannon and rockets deep in Mauritania on Wednesday, officials said here today.

The guerrillas, in a column of 50 vehicles, were heading across the Sahara desert for the world's largest open cast

iron ore mining centre at Zouerate where over 200 Frenchmen work.

The air strike was the first since December when Jaguars went into action to check increasingly successful raids by the Algerian-supported guerrillas against Mauritania.

Risk

The Polisario is fighting for the independence of the western Sahara ceded to Mauritania when Spain withdrew from its African colony in 1976.

Authoritative sources here said the Polisario appeared to have risked sending out a big force from its Algerian bases in the belief that all available French Jaguars were now committed to another guerrilla campaign in Chad.

First reports of the latest French intervention in Mauritania said the air attacks had taken place over two days and that one French aircraft was hit and made a forced landing at the Atlantic port of Nouadhibou.

But officials later said there was only one sortie by the Jaguars, that no French planes were hit and that Mauritanian ground forces were pursuing the fleeing guerrillas. Zouerate, target for several Polisario attacks is vital to the Mauritanian economy which derives over 80 per cent of its foreign currency earnings from the iron ore mined there.

At least seven Polisario vehicles were destroyed in the air strike, French officials said. The air action was in line with frequent promises by France that it would stand by former African colonies under external attacks. Similar French military support is currently being provided for Chad, whose military government is threatened by Libyan-supported Toubou rebels from the Tibesti Mountains.

Venezuela's commitment to dollars has a different basis: It buys the vast majority of its imports from the United States, so it is relatively less affected than, say, Iran, which buys heavily from West Germany. The value of the Mark, on a trade-weighted basis, rose 8.1 per cent last year, and has continued to gain.



Yasser Arafat chats with Maj. Gen. Erskine, commander of UNIFIL during a meeting in Beirut on Friday. (AP wirephoto)

Expansion of future plane sales to Israel considered by Carter

WASHINGTON, May 5 (AP). — U.S. President Jimmy Carter is seriously considering a Congressional compromise on Middle East jet sales that would provide even more warplanes to Israel in coming years, White House sources say. The sources, who asked not to be named, said no decision has been reached but that consideration is being given to issuing a letter of intent to sell Israel an unspecified number of additional planes, perhaps in the period between 1984 and 1987.

The sources told Associated Press Radio, however, that the administration will not on account reduce the number of planes in the deal for Saudi Arabia despite the urging of some members of Congress.

The \$4.8-billion jet deal now before Congress would send 60 F-15 fighters to Saudi Arabia, 50 F-5E jets to Egypt and 15 F-16s and 75 F16s to Israel.

A source on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee confirmed, meanwhile, that the search for a compromise is continuing, and that the situation remains fluid. That source also asked to remain anonymous.

Congress had 30 days from last Friday to reject the proposed sales if it wishes. To block the deal both Houses must adopt resolutions of disapproval by May 28.

Without forecasting a final victory, the White House sources said the administration has a margin of votes in its favour on the Senate floor. They acknowledged, however, that they have virtually no chance of prevailing in the Senate committee and are behind in House vote counts.

Serious consideration

The sources said the compromise is being given serious consideration because the administration does not want to risk derailing sensitive Middle East peace negotiations. It also was described as sensitive to the election woes of legislators worried about the reaction of their Jewish constituents.

Despite the Congressional overture, there is no assurance that Israel's supporters in Congress who are critical of the jet deal will find the compromise acceptable.

The White House sources stressed that the compromise plan originated in Congress, not the administration. But, one said, "we're not rejecting out of hand any Congressional overtures."

Brezhnev's talks with Schmidt focus on N-bomb

BONN, May 5 (R). — Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev made clear today that President Carter was wrong if he thought the Kremlin would cut Soviet forces in Europe in return for a U.S. ban on making the neutron bomb. The controversial neutron bomb — which kills people but leaves buildings intact — figured strongly in talks between Mr. Brezhnev and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of West Germany, where the Kremlin leader is paying a state visit.

3-1 superiority

The background to the talks was Mr. Carter's decision last month not to manufacture the neutron bomb for the time being, in hopes that Moscow would reciprocate with disarmament measures of its own.

The Warsaw Pact has a three-to-one superiority in tanks over NATO in Europe — and the neutron bomb is tailor-made to smash any massed tank offensive.

Mr. Brezhnev's message in Bonn today, however, was that NATO would not be allowed to use it as a bargaining counter in continuing Vienna talks on East-West force reductions in Central Europe. Soviet spokesman Leonid Zamyatin briefed reporters following two-and-a-half hours of talks between Mr. Brezhnev and Chancellor Schmidt, to put

Basically sound

Former U.S. president Gerald R. Ford said Thursday that the proposal to sell warplanes to Israel, the three countries is "basically sound."

Speaking at a news conference Ford said he would perhaps have done it differently, but approved of the controversial arms package.

Ford said Israel should be sold a greater number of planes, "but the concept is sound."

He also said Carter has not diminished the financial support for Israel that existed under Ford's republican administration.

High administration officials told Congress this week that the three-country sale is balanced and would help chances for peace by making Egypt and

Saudi Arabia, two moderate Arab states, feel more secure.

The foreign relations panels does not expect to reach any decision on the matter before hearing testimony on Monday from former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

Kissinger made the original commitment to provide oil-rich Saudi Arabia with advanced jet fighters to replace an ageing fleet of British Lightnings.

Democratic Senator Frank Church says it was news to him that the United States had made such a commitment to Saudi Arabia.

An official of the general accounting office, an arm of Congress, said that the first commitment to provide advanced aircraft to Saudi Arabia was made in Nov. 1974 when Kissinger was still Secretary of State.

Begin introduces moral issues to proposed sale of U.S. jets to Riyadh

NEW YORK, May 5 (AP). — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, appealing to U.S. President Jimmy Carter to abandon his proposed three-way sale of warplanes in the Middle East, said "problems of conscience, of international morality, should play a role" in the final decision in deciding matters of policy.

Addressing a glittering audience of businessmen at a New York economic club dinner Thursday night, Begin tapped the proposed package sale of jets to Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Israel into the moral arena.

"Let America not aggravate the danger to that small country called Israel — a faithful ally of the United States," he said, specifically criticizing the proposed sale of 75 F-15 jet fighters to Saudi Arabia.

Another view

A contrary view was taken by George W. Ball, an Undersecretary of State under Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson and one of two club moderators who repudiated Begin with questions. Ball said it would be unwise to turn down the Saudi request "for instruments it feels it requires for its self-defence."

He cited recent statements by Saudi leaders who said they would turn elsewhere — possibly to France and its Mirage jets — if Congress rejected the request. Ball said such a move would undermine U.S.-Saudi relations and the Saudi role as a broker between Arab moderates and militants in efforts to arrange a Middle East peace.

Begin said he feared the Saudi jets would be turned against Israel in a future Mideast war, "it is a matter of our lives... if those planes are being supplied (to the Arabs), the threat of war is being fed," he said. "We have it from good sources, whom I cannot reveal, that in the contingency (or war) the Saudi arms will be put at the disposal of an Arab confrontation state," he said.

Israel suggests Egypt represent Palestinians

TEL AVIV, May 4 (R). — Israel, in an effort to restart its stalled talks with Egypt, has suggested that the Egyptians might represent the Palestinians in Middle East peace negotiations, radio Israel reported last night.

The radio said Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan disclosed the suggestion when he briefed Foreign Ministry officials yesterday on his talks last week with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

Israel is waiting for Egypt's reaction to the idea. Mr. Dayan was quoted as saying, "Representation for the Palestinians is a major stumbling block in Middle East peace efforts. Israel refuses to bargain with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO)."

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Not enemies, but brothers & sisters

The various events taking place in the United States this week, revolving around the visit there of Israel's Premier Menachem Begin and the contest in the U.S. Congress over selling warplanes to Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Israel, are as fine an example as we will ever have of the full force of Zionist misinformation and deceitful propaganda. Mr. Begin told a Chicago rally "...there will not be a so-called Palestinian state ruled by our implacable enemies," and the leading Israeli lobbying group, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), has sent copies of the book "Holocaust", with accompanying letters and pamphlets, to all members of Congress, key administration officials and leading news reporters and commentators in Washington. The book "Holocaust" is based on the television series recently aired in the United States depicting the inhuman treatment of European Jews under Nazi Germany. The AIPAC letter said in part, "this chilling account of the extermination of six million Jews underscores Israel's concerns during the current negotiations for security without reliance on outside guarantees."

All this, of course, is standard Zionist lobbying in action. But it seems especially grotesque to us today, amid the public peace aspirations of the Arabs as symbolised by the Sadat initiative, for Israel crudely to bring back memories of the holocaust and to graft onto this horrifying memory an association with the Arabs of today.

Mr. Begin's insistence on calling the Palestinians his "implacable enemies" is testament to how much his view of the contemporary world is falsely altered by his experiences under the Nazis. The Palestinians are not the enemies of the Jews. They are their brothers and sisters, and like all brothers and sisters, they want to share with them their common, ancestral home.

Mr. Begin will have to see someday that peace and security will come to Palestine only when the land of Palestine is shared by the Israelis and the Palestinians who have lived there together for the past several thousand years. To seek to effect political changes in the contemporary Middle East by evoking ghastly memories of past European crimes is bad statesmanship and an untimely evasion of the responsibilities of leadership. Mr. Begin and AIPAC are making peace and security for Israel more distant, not more likely. They are dooming their children to having to hand out chilling history books and to propagate false associations as they are doing themselves today. This is a cycle of war, not a cycle of peace, and someday Mr. Begin will have to understand this, and make peace with his Palestinian brothers and sisters.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL DUSTOUR Friday gave prominence to King Hussein's continuing tour of tribal regions in the south of the country. The newspaper said the King's inspection visits reflect not only his keen interest in the social and economic development of the regions, but also the true democratic spirit.

The King's visits over the past three days and his meetings with heads of tribes to sound out their needs and discuss their requests demonstrate his relentless efforts in pursuit of the well being of his people and his desire to strengthen ties between the government and the citizens, the paper said.

The King considers the citizens to be the real wealth of this country on whose shoulders rests the responsibility for Jordan's progress, the paper concluded.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Comedy Theatre

The Amman Players' new production of "The Bride and the Bachelor" gives its final performance tonight at 8:00 p.m. at the Jordan Theatre, Jabel Luweibdeh.

THE AMERICAN WOMEN OF AMMAN

Will meet at 10:00 a.m. Monday, May 8, in the Pacha room of the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel.

Programme: a film on Jordan and election of officers.

Jordan has fantastic camping weather, for those who will take advantage of it

Text and photos by Marianne Pearson
Special to the Jordan Times

Pat and Chesley Judy and their four children have found an inexpensive way to enjoy vacations and to get to know Jordan. It's called camping.

The Judys, who have been in Jordan for two years -- he works in the consular section of the American embassy -- contrast the experience of Aqaba from a camp site and a hotel.

Mrs. Judy said: "To see the sun coming up, the fish jumping in the gulf, and the sunsets in solitude and silence -- the effort is worth it for that. The stars at night are magnificent, something you can't experience except in the open. In a hotel, curtains have to be drawn for privacy and you miss being awakened by the first rays of the sun. We've tried a hotel, but camping is our preference."

Jordan is small enough so that it is possible to reach any corner of the country within hours. Large enough to offer variety. The air is exceptionally pure, making it a pleasure to be outdoors. The Judys have found the people to be both friendly and honest. "We feel completely safe camping out."

"I think Jordan has fantastic camping weather," she continued, "especially in the spring and fall."

Dibbeen National Forest, next to Jarash, is a pleasant place for summer camping, and a good place for inexperienced campers: camp sites are laid out and the distance from Amman is short. It is good for a trial run to see what you'll need to take along on a more elaborate trip.

It is possible to camp with little special equipment; adults can manage with just sleeping bags. Because children need more protection from the elements as well as possible insect bites, Mrs. Judy thinks that camping with a tent is better for families.

The Judys' tenting equipment has grown from one large one, which has space for the whole family -- but just barely -- to a total of four: three small bedroom tents have been added. They had the luxury of a Judy "village" at Aqaba, but plan to rough it at Wadi Rum on an up-coming trip with just the three small ones.

The children like the feeling of freedom and independence within the family circle. Once a private site is chosen, they can yell, explore, be on their own.

In planning a camping trip a major problem to consider is water, which is unavailable in some places for washing

up as well as for drinking. Camp location and size of the family are determining factors. The Judys usually carry two 20-litre plastic jugs for water and also frozen drinking water in plastic camping containers. These help keep perishable food cool, and as they melt, provide refreshing drinking water. The Judys carry water purification tablets, more as a talisman than for practical purposes. "We have never used them. The taste is so bad, we take our chances with local water."

Favourite camping sites of the Judys are in the south: Aqaba, Wadi Rum and Petra. Wadi Walla is another good spot, though not accessible by automobile. The road is rough and the last stretch has to be done on foot, but it leads to the beautiful waterfall that makes it all worthwhile.

A car with normal suspension can go almost anywhere. However, for their trip into Wadi Rum they are renting a vehicle with four-wheel drive to take them further into the desert than they have been before.

Other tips on camping from Mrs. Judy:

It's best to plan on at least

two nights for a camping trip. You want to have the opportunity to explore the area around your camp site.

Bring a prepared meal for the first night in camp. After the drive and setting up camp, everyone is tired and hungry.

At Aqaba sudden, unexpected wind can knock down a tent. It's best to use sand pegs which are very long, or to weigh down the edges of the tent with rocks, even though the weather is clear and calm when you have made camp.

In the desert have warm bedding. Temperature can drop suddenly when the sun goes down.

Camp stoves and lanterns with fuel refills are inexpensive and available at local supermarkets. It is not practical to expect to find wood for a fire. "Before we bought a lantern, when the sun went down so did we."

Food in time is useful to supplement the fresh food you bring.

It may be impossible to find shade. Wear comfortable, loose clothing like a caftan, and some sort of headgear.

Know where to get petrol, or bring an emergency supply along.



Camping equipment awaiting loading for a trip to wadi Rum provides a comfortable spot for all, ten-year-old, and John, 8, reviewing his Cub Scout book.



John and Mark, nine-year-old, watch their father pack a toy rocket. They plan to launch it from the desert spaces of Wadi Rum.



Packing the motor vehicle has to be done carefully to accommodate a six-member family. John and Mark are ready for the trip to Wadi Rum.



Mrs. Judy pauses to consider what other items to pack in the cooler. The cooler makes it possible to take along food which would otherwise perish. Mrs. Judy thinks that good equipment is a wise investment; it pays for itself when it is used. A similar cooler was stolen from the Judys by a bear in a U.S. national park.



The children say goodbye to Taj, the family pet. The dog seems sorry about their imminent departure, but pets and camping don't mix.

مكتبة الأمل

Damas-Scene

Compiled for the Jordan Times by Pat McDonnell

EDITOR'S NOTE: Damas-Scene will hence forth be appearing on Saturdays, to coincide with the beginning of the week in Syria. Occasionally, the column will include cultural events in Aleppo or other cities in Syria besides Damascus.

Week of May 6-May 12

EXHIBITS

SUNDAY, May 7: Thirty three works of Burhan Karkutli will be on view through Friday, May 12, at Al Sha'ab Art Gallery. The one-man show will present both folk art and political themes of the Syrian graphic artist who lives in Frankfurt, Germany. Hours: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; 4 p.m.-8 p.m.

MONDAY, May 8: A 6:30 p.m. reception will open a one-man show of graphic art by University of Damascus professor Ghayyas Akhras in the French Cultural Centre. The exhibition will continue through May 20. Hours: 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, May 8: Opening reception at 7 p.m. for "La Vision Esferica" an exhibition of oil paintings by Syrian artist Mousbah Babbili through May 17, Spanish Cultural Centre.

MONDAY, May 8: A display of posters and graphic art about Russia, Soviet Cultural Centre.

LECTURES

MONDAY, May 8: "The Chief Characteristics of the National Personality of the Palestinians," by Adnan Abdurrahim. 6 p.m. Soviet Cultural Centre, (in Arabic).

TUESDAY, May 9: A programme marking the 150th birthday of composer Carl Maria von Weber with Syrian conductor Nuri Ruheibani introducing recordings of Weber's music. 7 p.m. German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre, (in Arabic).

TUESDAY, May 9: An illustrated slide lecture on the Bedouins of Lebanon's Beqa' Valley by Dr. Dawn Chatty, visiting Fulbright Professor at the University of Damascus. 7:30 p.m. American Community School.

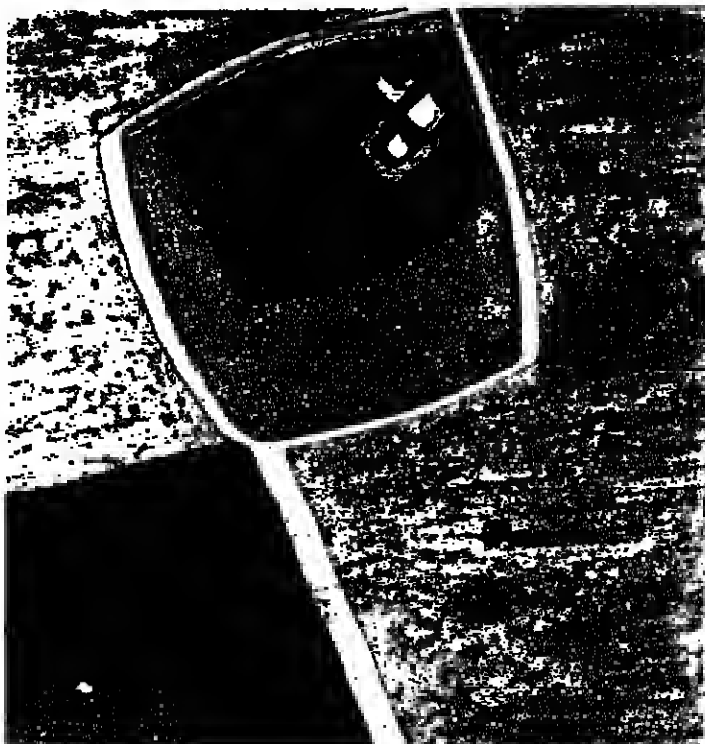
WEDNESDAY, May 10: Poetry recital by Vicky Messica. 8 p.m. French Cultural Centre, (in French).

WEDNESDAY, May 10: Illustrated stories for children aged 5 to 8 presented by Denis Moranta. 3:30 p.m. French Cultural Centre, (in French).

THURSDAY, May 11: "Disques Commentes -" a discussion of the music of Arthur Honegger by Louis Peraudin. 7:30 p.m. French Cultural Centre, (in French).

CONCERTS

THURSDAY, May 11: Classical selections performed by Syrian guitarist Hassan Khabouri. 6 p.m. Soviet Cultural Centre Music Salon.



"VILLAGE OF MY BIRTH" an etching by Ghayyas Akhras is among 26 works by the University of Damascus professor that will be on view Monday, May 8 through May 20 at the French Cultural Centre. Akhras was trained in the fine arts academies of Cairo, Madrid, Rome and Paris. His work has been exhibited in Berlin, Rome, Paris, Geneva and California.

THEATRE

SATURDAY, May 6: Edward Able's "The Zoo," produced directed and acted by members of the Experimental Theatre of Syria. 6 p.m. Soviet Cultural Centre, (in Arabic).

FILMS

SATURDAY, May 6: "L'Auberge Rouge," a 1951 film by Claude Autant-Lara with Fernandel and Francoise Rosay. 8 p.m. French Cultural Centre. Reservations necessary seven hours before showtime, (in French).

SUNDAY, May 7: Part IV of the Soviet film "Liberation." 6:30 p.m. German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre. (in Russian with Arabic sub-titles).

TUESDAY, May 9 at 8 p.m. and FRIDAY, May 12 at 7 p.m.: "Hotel du Nord," a 1938 film by Marcel Carne with Louis Jouvet, Arletty and Bernard Blier. French Cultural Centre, (in French).

WEDNESDAY, May 10: "Three Days After Eternity." 6 p.m. Soviet Cultural Centre, (in Russian with Arabic sub-titles).

WEDNESDAY, May 10: Part IV of the Soviet film, "Liberation." 6:30 p.m. German Democratic Republic Cultural Centre.

FRIDAY, May 12: "A Novel in Action: Parts I and II." 6 p.m. Soviet Cultural Centre, (in Russian with Arabic sub-titles).

Jordan Times 1978 Tourism Supplement

The Jordan Times is publishing on May 11 1978 a supplement on the Jordanian Tourism Industry. This will include articles on tourism and hotel facilities, restaurants and entertainment, tourism development plans and interviews with key figures in the tourism industry in Jordan.

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In addition to the normal distribution of the Jordan Times a special print run will be distributed by the Ministry of Tourism as part of its promotion of Jordanian tourism.

Syria, West Germany sign cooperation accord

DAMASCUS, Syria, May (AP). — Syria and West Germany signed an agreement Wednesday for cultural and scientific cooperation. The agreement was signed by Kurt Muller, Director of Cultural Affairs at the German Foreign Ministry, and 'Eed Abdo, Syrian Under-secretary of Culture and Education. The agreement provides for the exchange of fellowships, experts and specialists in cultural and scientific fields. Mr. Muller arrived here Sunday. He met with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam and other Syrian officials. Mr. Khaddam is expected to visit Germany in mid June. Informal sources said Information Minister Ahmad Iskandar will visit Bonn later this month.

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Prince Hassan, Princess Sarvath to visit Morocco

AMMAN, May 5 (R). — Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath, will visit Morocco next week at the invitation of King Hassan, the Royal Court announced today. They will be accompanied by an official delegation, it said.

National News Roundup...

Princess Basma visits Aqaba region

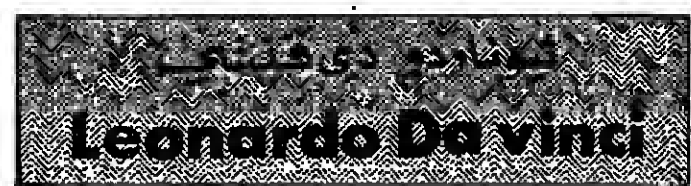
AMMAN, May 5 (JNA). — Her Highness Princess Basma toured tribal areas and villages in the district of Aqaba today. She visited the tribes of Qadman, Al Zalaiybe, Azwaydeh and the villages of Rum, Muneishir and Ghal where she inspected medical centres, and schools, and met with tribal chiefs who briefed her on the region's needs. Later, the Princess paid a visit to the Youth Club in Aqaba and was made honorary president of the club.

Dr. Ishaq Al Farhan to head new council's social and educational committee

AMMAN, May 5 (JNA). — The National Consultative Council today elected Dr. Ishaq Al Farhan to head the council's social and educational committee a council source said. It said Mrs. In'am Al Mufti was elected as the committee's rapporteur.

Amman to host Mideast tourism meet

AMMAN, May 5 (JNA). — The International Tourism Organisation's Middle East Regional Committee starts four-day meetings in Amman next Wednesday, sources at the Ministry of Tourism said today. During the meetings, in which representatives of twelve Arab states are participating, classification of hotels will be discussed among other subjects related to tourism in the Arab World. The meetings will be preceded by a general two-day symposium on tourism statistics and training, the sources said.



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Czechoslovak foreign minister ends visit

AMMAN, May 5 (JNA). — The Czechoslovak Foreign Minister, Mr. Bohuslav Choupek, left Amman Friday at the end of a four-day visit to Jordan. During which he met with his Majesty the King, Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Jorahim and other Jordanian officials.

A press statement issued at the end of the visit laid particular stress on the need for the establishment of a just and durable peace in the Middle East region.

"Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab lands and the recognition of the Arab Palestinian rights in accordance with United Nations resolutions, are basic conditions for achieving peace in the Middle East," the joint press statement said. It added that solution of the problem requires the participation of all concerned parties including the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The statement also condemned Israel's aggression against Lebanon and called for a speedy withdrawal from occupied Lebanese regions. Jordan and Czechoslovakia expressed satisfaction with progress achieved in international detente and voiced support for the just struggle of the African peoples against imperialism and racial discrimination.

During the visit of Mr. Choupek, the two countries signed an agreement for cultural and scientific cooperation and decided to finalise a trade agreement. They also agreed to follow up efforts for expanding bilateral cooperation in the political, economic and commercial fields.

Coming & Going...

Australian Islamic leader leaves

AMMAN, May 5 (JNA). — The head of the Islamic community in Canberra, Dr. Mohamad Al 'Ariyan, and the community secretary 'Abdul Rahman Hashem left for Kuwait today at the end of their four-day visit. During the visit, they met with Crown Prince Hassan and the Minister of Waqfs and Islamic Affairs, Kamel Al Sharif and toured a number of touristic sites in the country.

Damascus Goethe Institute may reopen

DAMASCUS, May 5 (Agencies). — Dr. Rolf Grobe is arriving in Damascus during the first week of May to begin plans for reopening the Goethe Institute in late 1978. The cultural centre of the West German Republic will be in a new location from the institute closed in 1967.

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10:45 Brunc
11:35 News in Arabic
11:40 Justice

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7:30 News in Hebrew
7:45 Documentary
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7:20 News Bulletin
7:40 Morning Show
10:00 News Headlines
10:03 Morning Show
10:30 Jordan Weekly
11:00 Sign-on
11:01 Sign-on and News Headlines
12:00 Pop Session
12:03 Pop Session
12:00 News Summary
12:30 Pop Session

14:00 News Bulletin
14:10 Music
14:30 Story time
15:00 Concert Hour
16:00 Pop Session
17:00 Melody time
17:20 Pop Session
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19:10 Music
19:30 Sign-off

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17:15 Cliches Choice
17:30 Issues in the News
18:00 Special English News: Words and their Stories, Feature: People in America, News Summary.

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18:30 Show Music USA
18:30 News and Topical Reports
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20:00 Special English, News/Words and their Stories
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13:00 News: Commentary
13:15 About Britain
13:30 Saturday Special
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16:30 News: Commentary
17:45 Sports Round-up
18:30 News: News about Britain
18:30 Play of the Week
18:15 Radio Newsworld
18:30 News: Commentary
20:00 People and Politics
20:30 Association Football
21:00 Scotland Today
21:15 King's Singers
21:30 Letter from London
21:40 Books and Writers
22:00 News: Music Now
22:40 Reflections
22:45 Sports Round-up
23:00 News: Commentary
23:15 Don't Miss
23:15 Letterbox

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8:30 Tehran
8:40 Beirut
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8:50 Aqaba
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10:20 Beirut
17:00 Cairo
17:30 Benghazi
18:30 Copenhagen, Frankfurt
21:00 Beirut (MEA)
22:45 London (BA)

Departures:

7:05 Damascus, Munich, Frankfurt (LH)

8:50 Aqaba

8:50 Beirut, Paris (AF)
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8:45 Beirut (MEA)
8:50 Aqaba
11:00 Benghazi
11:20 Cairo
12:20 Geneva, Brussels, Amsterdam
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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Use care and caution in handling monetary problems. Budget money more carefully, too. Avoid those who want to con you in some way.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Take time to improve your appearance so that you make a better impression on others and gain your aims. Be of help to those who deserve it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Take care of important personal affairs and stop procrastinating. Wait for a better time to make a pleasure trip.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Your friends are busy with their own affairs so don't expect much from them now. Go after your own aims quietly and get good results.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Use care in handling community affairs and get the fine results you want. Be careful in dealings involving your credit. Take time for social fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Use spare time to study a new venture that intrigues you, but don't jump into it yet. Clear of a new contact who is too glamorous.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Carry through with promises others since they are important to your welfare and peace. Reach true harmony.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Whatever is expected of you by associates should be well thought out and right decisions reached. You have to handle a distressing matter in a most intelligent way. Be poised.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Forget about recreational plans until you have finished the work ahead of you. Then take treatments that will make you more nimble.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Don't let anything and in the way of your having a good time now. Do whatever will be most appreciated by kin.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Take care you do not let any arguments at home or there can be a serious severance of connections. Don't permit others to pressure you into some new interest that is not for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Use care in motion now so that you do not have trouble. Take care you do not argue with an associate or serious trouble can ensue.

Sudan tries to get the kink out of the Nile

By Andrew Lycett

KHARTOUM, (F.T.) — Arabic is a direct and expressive language. Faced with the largest area of swamp land in the world on the upper reaches of the River Nile in southern Sudan, the Arabs resorted to no false romanticism. They called it the Sudd, meaning blockage.

Since the late nineteenth century when travellers and explorers first experienced the blockage -- so vast that professional estimates of the size of the swamps vary between six thousand and one hundred thousand square kilometres -- politicians and engineers have sought a way round this water-logged kink in the Nile.

Canal scheme

Solutions have centred on the idea of a canal leading the Nile waters away from the Sudd. An Anglo-Egyptian team surveyed such a project back in 1938 and again in 1954. Today the Sudanese and Egyptian governments are involved in a joint scheme to build a 175 mile canal cutting out the meandering reed-ridden loop of the Sudd.

But they are experiencing another and unexpected impediment -- the concerted opposition of ecologists protesting

against the potential damage to fauna and flora and to the nomadic lifestyles of the cattle breeding tribesmen of the area. So they are now having to modify their plans.

The proposed Jonglei Canal (called after the village at its southern end) is planned to promote better communications between north and south Sudan and conserve for irrigated agriculture in Sudan and Egypt, ten per cent of the 42bn. square metres of water currently lost through evaporation and seepage in the Sudd.

According to the Sudanese Commissioner of the Jonglei Scheme, Abdullah Ibrahim, the Sudd is a "wasteful means of subsistence" while the Jonglei Canal promises to be an "instrument of national integration." Most of the rivers of Europe and the United States have had their courses substantially altered, he argues. Sudan should now be allowed to go ahead and build similar schemes herself.

Ecological repercussions

Not so, shout the ecologists headed by the Kenyan, Oscar Mann, who presented a sixty-page refutation of the Jonglei Schemes to the United Nations Conference on Desertification last year.

The current scheme would

have "very grave ecological repercussions," he says. Mr. Mann alleges that:

- * Diversion through the canal would cut down the volume of water lost through evaporation and seepage in the Sudd. This would have severe climatic effects, leading to perhaps further desert encroachment in Sudan and neighbouring countries.
- * Much of the diverted water would be stored in the Aswan Dam and lost to the atmosphere there, thus negating any gains for Egypt.
- * Partial drainage of the swamps would lead to total breakdown of swamp ecology, "severely affecting" natural fauna and flora ranging from fish and hippopotami to birds and papyrus.
- * The regulatory and filtering effects of the Sudd would be lost. Floods would therefore become more widespread while minerals and silts flowing north would encourage weed and, far from opening up the river, would clog it further.

* The 600,000 Nuer, Shilluk and Dinka tribesmen in the area would be cut off from their seasonal grazing land by the canal, while proposed irrigated agricultural schemes would disrupt their well-balanced life-style leading to "extremely mortifying" short term changes in their culture.

Sudanese officials deny these allegations vehemently. Abdullah Ibrahim told me in Khartoum that the swamps would be reduced by no more than five per cent, with minimal effect on the climate. Each billion cubic metres of water saved would benefit Sudan's GNP by \$25m, and would provide important reserves for the country's development in the 1980's.

Who are ecologists protecting? Sudanese Vice President, Abel Alier, himself a Dinka from Bor at the southern end of the proposed canal, spoke with more emotion. "I know there are problems in the area," he told me in the southern region capital of Juba. "But people there are

almost totally dependent on livestock. What we have been witnessing in the past 25 years is a perennial flooding of our pastures and this has been causing a great deal of concern."

"Since 1961 over 40 cattle camps which used to be places for grazing have become habitat not for our cattle but for anything which moves in the water."

"Our people are more interested in having cattle there than the mosquitoes which now infest the place. Who do these ecologists think they are protecting and against what? I wish I could get one of these elusive people so we could discuss what the problems are."

But problems there undoubtedly are, not least of which is lack of specific funds to dig the canal. Although a French construction company is currently assembling the largest excavator in the world at the northern end of the proposed waterway, potential donors are hanging back while there are still doubts about the side effects of the project.

Insufficient information

Part of the problem is lack of sufficient information. Much of the current scheme is based on research culled by the previous 1954 Anglo-Egyptian survey.

So with the help of a British livestock consultant, Dr. Bill Payne, currently Senior UNDP Adviser in Sudan, the Jonglei Commission is going back and doing its sums. It is initiating specific projects to collect data on hydrology, animal life and natural resources, and the economic and social life of the southern tribes.

As results emerge from the current surveys, Mr. Payne and his teams are making recommendations for modification of the project.

One of the important new

suggestions is to change the course of the proposed canal, running its southern end out into the eastern plains. This, it is argued, will help form a natural barrier against flooding from the east. It will not force 175,000 Dinka cattle men to cross the canal in search of higher grazing land in the rainy season.

Where further north, Dinka and Nuer tribesmen will still have to cross the canal with their cattle, Mr. Payne suggests not expensive bridges but a mixture of pontoons, hand operated ferries and specially marked inlets in the canal banks where cattle can swim across with the current.

Human dimension

He also advocates modernisation of the Dinka livestock industry rather than a rush towards irrigated agricultural development schemes.

In this way the Jonglei scheme is taking on a more human dimension. The Sudan government appears to be taking to heart the recommendations of Professor Thayer Scudder of the California Institute of Technology. Reporting on socio-economic research in the Jonglei region in 1976, Prof. Scudder wrote, "The 'hit-and-run' or fly-by-night style of research which has been done for most of the development projects in the world today cannot yield the expected results in...an area like the one of Jonglei."

The way things are going there may still be scope for some of the alternative technology ideas touched on by ecologist Oscar Mann in his report, such as anaerobic decomposition of papyrus, water hyacinth, animal dung and fish offal to produce fertiliser, food and fuel for the local tribesmen.

-- Financial Times News-Features

Report shows changing attitudes in U.S. toward marriage relationships

By Ann Blackman

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The number of unmarried men and women living together in the United States has more than doubled since 1970, the U.S. government reported last week.

And the divorce ratio has increased so dramatically in the 1970's that today more than one in three marriages dissolves.

A Census Bureau report on the marital status and living arrangements of Americans shows that as of March 1977, there were 754,000 unrelated men and women sharing households, compared with 327,000 in 1970.

"Many of the young people who adopt this living arrangement are in a temporary or transitional situation which serves as a prelude to entering into more conventional family living," the report says.

"Although the Census Bureau does not collect information on the nature of the personal relationship between these unmarried couples, it seems likely that most of them were partners, roommates, companions or friends."

The report shows that the divorce ratio increased 73 per cent since 1970. That means there are now 84 divorced persons for every 1,000 who are married, compared to 47 divorced persons in 1970.

Not necessarily negative

"This doesn't necessarily mean that Americans have a negative view of marriage," said Arthur J. Norton, Chief of the Census Bureau's Marriage and Family Statistics Branch. "People have a high ideal of marriage, and when it doesn't work, many divorce to pursue that ideal."

One result is that four out of five of those who divorce

remarry -- and 40 per cent of those divorce again, Mr. Norton said.

Other highlights of the report show:

— More people are postponing marriage. In 1977, 45 per cent of all women age 20 to 24 were not married, compared with 28 per cent in 1960. The proportion of men of the same age increased from 53 to 64 per cent in the same period.

— The median age at first marriage was 24 for men and 21.6 for women, an increase of a full year for both sexes since the mid-1960's. The median is the middle point; half marry younger while half marry older.

— There were 17.7 million persons in 1977 who lived alone or with an unrelated person, an increase of 50 per cent between 1970 and 1977. About 16 million of these persons lived alone.

— In March 1977, there were

an estimated 8.1 million men and women who were divorced and not remarried compared to 48 million married couples.

Children with parents

The report shows that although there were 5.4 million fewer persons under 18 in 1977 than in 1970, the number of children living with only their mother increased by 3 million.

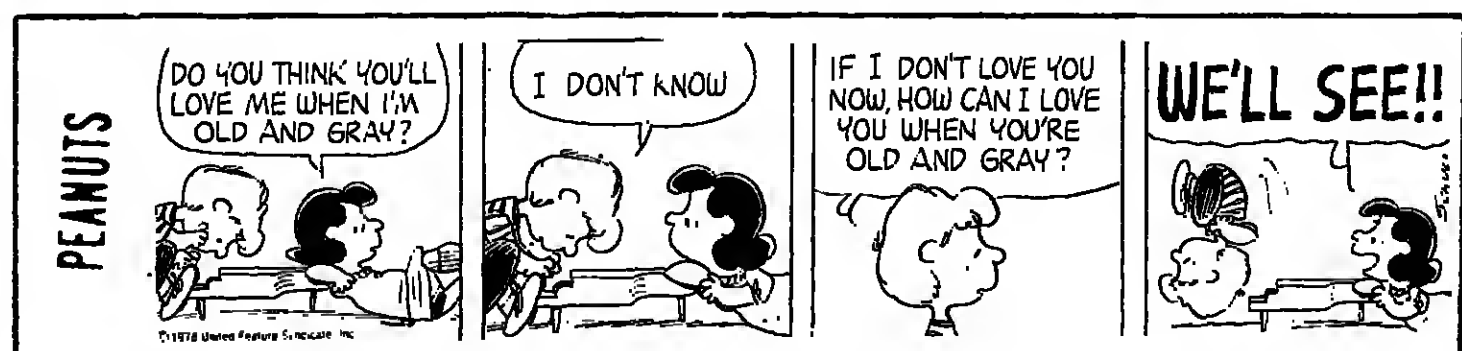
In 1970, 85 per cent of all children under 18 lived with two parents, the report shows. By 1977, this proportion had declined to 79 per cent. The figures show that five out of every six persons maintaining families with no spouse present were women.

"This finding reflects the higher remarriage rate for men as well as a greater propensity for wives to retain the children when marriages are dissolved," the report said.

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1 ♠ 2 ♦ Pass Pass
2 ♥ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AQJ1095 ♥A5 ♦A5 ♠AQ7
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
2 ♠ Pass 3NT Pass
? What do you bid now?

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠83 ♥Q965 ♦KJ85 ♠943
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ 2 ♥ Pass Pass
2 ♥ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠A43 ♥KJ1072 ♦Q8 ♠KJ6
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
2NT Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠QJ872 ♥73 ♦K85 ♠A104
Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

Q.3—North-South vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AQJ ♥6 ♦AKQ1092 ♠QJ6
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♦ 1 ♥ Dbl. Pass
? What action do you take?

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
1 ♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠83 ♥Q8652 ♦6 ♠K10954
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
? What action do you take?

Q.8—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
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1 ♠ 4 ♥ ?
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